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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EMIN MY
SUBJ: MALAYSIAN CONCERN OVER NEW AUTHORITY FOR TIN
DISPOSALS FROM GSA STOCKPILE

1. ON MARCH 24, MINISTRY OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, SECRETARY GENERAL TENGKU NGAH CALLED IN ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TO EXPRESS GOM CONCERN OVER TWO BILLS IN U.S. CONGRESS (ONE REPORTEDLY BEING CONSIDERED BY SEAPOWER AND STRATEGIC MATERIALS SUBCOMMITTEE OF HOUSE ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE) WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF 100,000 TONS OF TIN FROM GSA STOCKPILE.

2. SECRETARY GENERAL ASKED THAT FOLLOWING POINTS BE TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON: THAT APPROVAL OF DISPOSAL AUTHORITY ITSELF WOULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON TIN MARKET; THAT GOM WOULD WISH TO HAVE SAME ASSURANCES AS

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IN PREVIOUS DISPOSALS THAT DISPOSALS WOULD BE HANDLED

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IN MANNER WHICH WOULD NOT DISRUPT MARKET; THAT GOM HAS, OF COURSE, NO QUARREL WITH WHATEVER STRATEGIC STOCKPILE LEVEL IS DETERMINED BUT THAT, CONSIDERING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, GOM WOULD APPRECIATE US CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER ESPECIALLY DURING PERIOD OF ALREADY DEPRESSED PRICES OF BASIC COMMODITIES AND RECENT ITC ACTION TO PERMIT ITC BUFFER STOCK MANAGER TO OPERATE IN MIDDLE RANGES.

3. SECRETARY GENERAL STATED THAT MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. JOHARI WILL BE MAKING SIMILAR REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON AS WOULD AMBASSADORS OF OTHER ASEAN TIN-PRODUCING COUNTRIES (THAILAND AND INDONESIA).

4. HE ALSO STATED THAT MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MUSA HITAM WOULD SHORTLY BE MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENT ALONG ABOVE LINES. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, HE STATED THAT TEXT NOT YET FINAL BUT THAT COPY WOULD BE PROVIDED EMBASSY. WE WILL TRANSMIT WHEN RECEIVED.
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